

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 – 80 are allowed. By way of the above amendment, claims 81 – 91 have been cancelled without prejudice so as to minimize the issues in the present application.

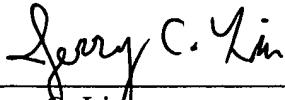
Additionally, submitted concurrently herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with attached Form PTO-1449, made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. A copy of the non-patent cited items are enclosed. Also, an Information Disclosure Statement submission fee of \$180 under 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2) and 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner is compelled to do other than allow all the pending claims, or has any comments or suggestions which will place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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